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SUBJECT: EUR DEVELOPMENTS, OCTOBER 23

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1. PORTUGAL SITREP: COMMUNISTS AND THE ENTIRE SPECTRUM OF THE ULTRA-LEFT STAGED A "POPULAR POWER" DEMONSTRATION IN DOWNTOWN LISBON EVENING OCTOBER 23 WHILE THE REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL CONTINUED MEETING IN AN EFFORT TO CHART NEW DIRECTIONS IN THE GOVERNMENT'S RESPONSE TO THOSE WHO ARE MOUNTING CHALLENGES TO ITS AUTHORITY.

IN A ROUND OF PUBLIC STATEMENTS: COSTA GOMES AND ARMY CHIEF OF STAFF FABIAO WARNED THAT A RIGHT-WING COUP ATTEMPT MIGHT COME BEFORE ANGOLAN INDEPENDENCE ON
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NOVEMBER 11; THE PPD SAID THAT LEFT-WING GROUPS WERE

DELIBERATELY RUMOR-MONGERING AND WARNED THE POPULACE TO MAINTAIN VIGILANCE AND NOT TO BE TAKEN IN BY THESE COMMUNIST PROVOCATIONS; AND THE SOCIALISTS CHARGED THE COMMUNISTS WITH ADVENTURIST POLICIES WHICH RISKED PROVOKING ARMED CONFRONTATIONS. THE RADICAL LEFT REVOLUTIONARY BRIGADES LED BY ISABEL DO CARMO ANNOUNCED THAT THE BRIGADES WERE GOING UNDERGROUND IN ANTICIPATION OF A GOVERNMENT CRACK-DOWN AGAINST THOSE POSSESSING ILLEGAL

WEAPONS. RADIO RENASCENCA IS STILL BROADCASTING BUT THE GOVERNMENT HAS NOT REACTED TO THE ILLEGAL OPERATION OF THE STATION.

2. MBFR AND NUCLEAR REDUCTIONS: FRG REACTION. WILLY BRANDT'S RECENT REMARKS ON MBFR HAVE LED OTHER FRG POLITICIANS TO BREAK SILENCE ON MBFR. MANFRED WOERNER, CDU SPOKESMAN ON DEFENSE AFFAIRS, HAS EXPRESSED SERIOUS RESERVATIONS OVER INCLUDING NUCLEAR WEAPONS IN MBFR, AND ADDED THAT IF THEY WERE TO BE INCLUDED A SPECIFIC LEVEL OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS WOULD NEED TO BE MAINTAINED TO PRECLUDE FURTHER REDUCTIONS AND THE EVENTUAL DENUCLEARIZATION OF EUROPE. DIE WELT HAS CARRIED AN APPARENTLY BACK-GROUNDED MBFR ARTICLE, WHICH CLAIMS THAT LEBER AND GENSCHER OPPOSED BRANDT'S REFERENCE TO POSSIBLE SYMBOLIC CUTS AND LISTS GERMAN CONCERNS IN MBFR INCLUDING ISSUE OF NATIONAL SUBCEILINGS, BUT CONCLUDES THAT FRG TAKING CONSTRUCTIVE POSITION IN TALKS. EMBASSY BONN HAS COMMENTED THAT POLITICAL REACTION TO BRANDT REMARKS MAY POLITICIZE AND RAISE THE TEMPERATURE OF MBFR DISCUSSIONS IN FRG AND COULD SLOW PACE OF NATO OPTION III DELIBERATION.

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